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25X1. For five days [] in the area along the border from Karlovy Vary to Ceske Budejovice, maneuvers were conducted; [] of the SNB and some Czech army units stationed near the border areas participated. The object of the maneuvers was to show how the border was to be defended against invasion until the army would arrive in force. These maneuvers were supervised by Czech army generals; I saw them but I do not know who they were. Each SNB battalion performed its tasks in its sector and cooperated with the neighboring infantry units. The SNB members were equipped only with pistols, SMGs, grenades, radios, and telephones; they had no rifles or MGs. The infantry had LMGs, rifles, SMGs and HMGs, but no artillery, tanks or planes. Part of the army acted as the invading forces, while the SNB and the army forces acted as the defending forces. I do not know what the critique of the maneuvers covered, but, in my opinion, the SNB and the army could not stop an invader.

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- 25X1 2. [REDACTED] I attended a political school for SNB men in Vojtanov /5010N-1219E/. The course lasted one month and I believe that all SNB members had to attend. The chief instructor was an SNB [REDACTED]
- 25X1 [REDACTED] who was aided by a staff of six other SNB instructors whose names I no longer remember. There were 35-40 students at the school at a time. Instruction dealt with the histories of the Czech and the Soviet Communist Parties, the history of the USSR, geography, and physical training. This school was run along the lines of the school in Brno [REDACTED]
- 25X1 After completing the course, all SNB men returned to the duties which they had performed prior to school attendance. I have [REDACTED] a sketch of the school at Vojtanov /Annex A7.
3. To the best of my knowledge there were no special alert units in the SNB.

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Annex A: Political School in Vojtanov

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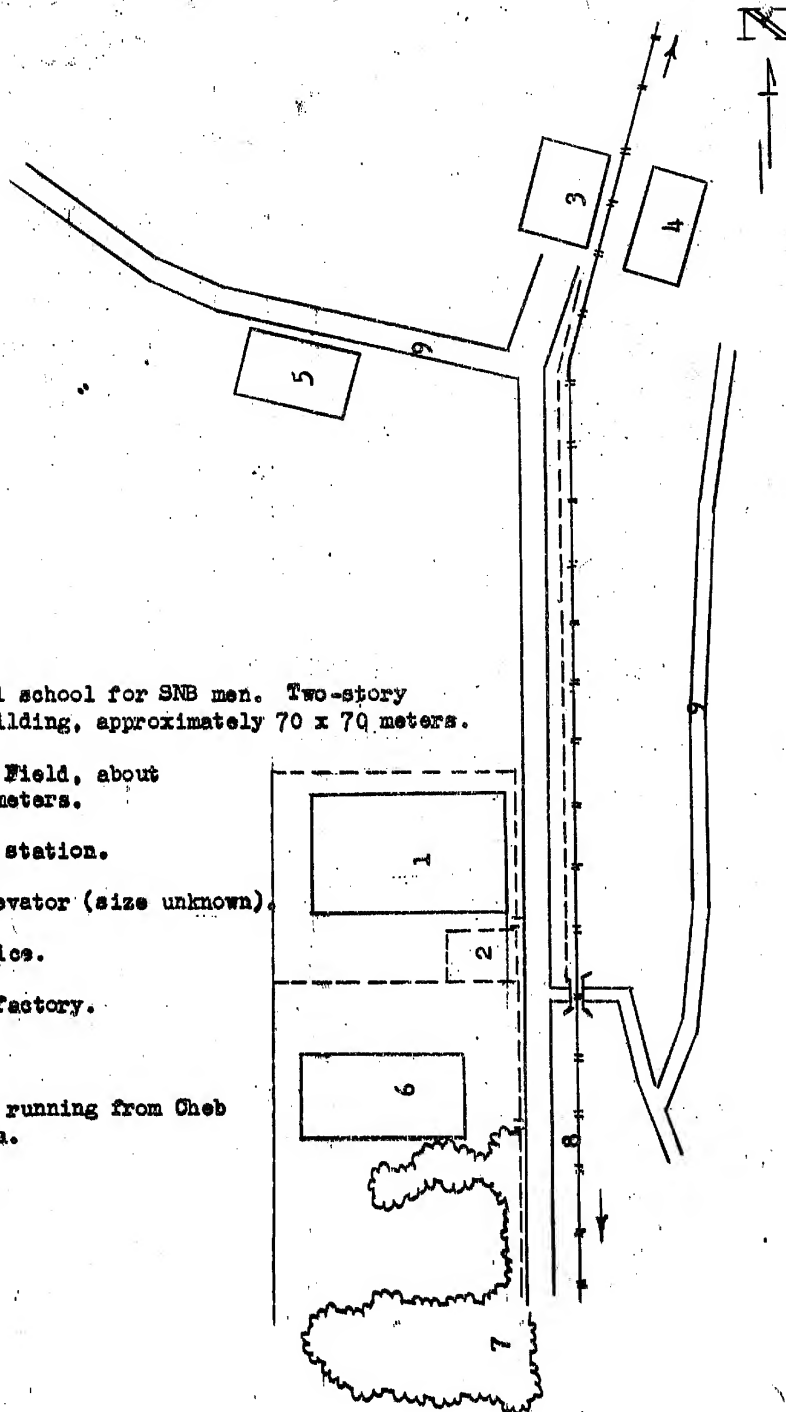
Annex A

Political School in VOJTANOV

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Legend

1. Political school for SNB men. Two-story brick building, approximately 70 x 70 meters.
2. Athletic Field, about 20 x 20 meters.
3. Railroad station.
4. Grain elevator (size unknown).
5. Post Office.
6. Textile factory.
7. Forest.
8. Railroad running from Cheb to Plesna.
9. Streets.



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